



BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Support to the implementation of the Stockholm Convention	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	TARGETED COUNTRIES:
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	Parties to the Stockholm Convention
Project start date: <i>15/10/2015</i>		Project completion date: <i>15/04/2017</i>	Total duration: <i>18 months</i>
LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE			
<p>Activity 22 (SC) :Scientific support for parties to the Stockholm Convention SC-7/4: Revised format for the submission of information for the evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention. SC-7/5: Evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctanesulfonyl fluoride pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Convention. SC-7/11: Further consideration of hexachlorobutadiene.</p>			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION			
<p>At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants considered the issues relevant to the work of the POPs Review Committee and adopted several decisions that relate to the work of the Committee and to the programme of work on industrial chemicals.</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to implement activities, pursuant to decisions SC-7/4, SC-7/5 and SC-7/11 to develop scientific and technical documents to support the work of the POPs Review Committee and to prepare guidance material and tools to support parties in evaluating their continued need of industrial POPs.</p> <p>The implementation of activities will continue fostering collaboration with stakeholders, including Parties, NGO's, industry, academia and civil society in collecting information pertaining to the work of the POPRC and the programme of work on industrial POPs under the Stockholm Convention.</p> <p>Moreover, these activities will contribute to the sustainable development goals through promoting the environmentally sound management of chemicals and to reduce their release and minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment.</p>			
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES			
Scientific and technical work of the POPRC			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the development of technical documents to facilitate the work of the POPRC during its intersessional work; 2. Collect and compile scientific and technical information from parties and observers as requested by decisions of the COP and the POPRC; 3. Develop scientific content for technical assistance workshops and awareness raising activities related to the work of the POPRC. 			
Programme of work on industrial chemicals			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect information for the evaluation of progress parties have made towards eliminating BDEs contained in articles and the review of the continued need for specific exemptions for those chemicals, pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention; 2. Analyze the collected information and prepare a report to support the COP in undertaking the evaluation of BDEs at its eighth meeting; 3. Facilitate the revision of the guidance on alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSF and their related chemicals to update it with new information contained in the report by the POPRC on the assessment of alternatives to PFOS; 4. Undertake activities and develop scientific and technical guidance documents and tools to enhance understanding of options for the sound management of industrial POPs and promote their elimination, including through the substitution with safer alternatives; 5. Develop scientific content for technical assistance workshops and awareness raising activities related to the management of industrial POPs. 			

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

Expected results:

Scientific and technical work of the POPRC

1. Implementation of the intersessional work of the POPRC is facilitated;
2. Work of the POPRC in providing recommendations related to the substitution and elimination of industrial POPs is supported and implementation of such recommendations is promoted.

Programme of work on industrial chemicals

1. Evaluation by the COP of progress made in eliminating industrial POPs and the continued need for specific exemptions and/or acceptable purposes for these chemicals are supported;
2. Parties and observers are provided with scientific and technical knowledge and tools needed to develop strategies and implement measures towards the identification and sound management of industrial POPs;
3. Awareness and understanding of the requirements of the Convention pertaining to industrial POPs and their management are enhanced.

Indicator of success:

1. Compilations of scientific and technical information collected from Parties and observers to support the work of the POPRC.
2. Report developed and submitted to support the evaluation by the Conference of the Parties of the progress made in eliminating BDEs in articles and the continued need for specific exemptions for BDEs.
3. The guidance on alternatives to PFOS, its salts, PFOSF and their related chemicals is revised with new information on the assessment of alternatives to PFOS.
4. Scientific and technical content delivered through technical assistance workshops.

Means of verification:

1. Scientific and technical documents developed by the POPs Review Committee are made available to Parties and observers.
2. Scientific and technical content provided for technical assistance workshops.
3. Information on alternatives to industrial POPs identified and made available through technical reports.
4. Information collected from parties to enable the evaluation by the Conference of the Parties on the progress made in eliminating BDEs in articles and the continued need for specific exemptions.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY

Sustainability will be a component of project implementation as it addresses the engagement of parties and other stakeholders to facilitate action to share and exchange technical and scientific information and to develop guidance and tools relevant to the work of the POPRC and on industrial POPs for the effective implementation of the Stockholm Convention.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

The activities proposed for this project consider involvement from a wide range of stakeholders and takes into account gender aspects throughout the implementation phase.

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING

Through knowledge and information sharing through workshops and webinars, the project will increase the awareness of the global public and encourage access to scientific and technical information on POPs.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017

STAFF PERSONNEL	134,800
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	450
TRAVEL	16,000
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	151,250
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>	<i>19,663</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	170,913